

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An intracardiac pumping device for percutaneous insertion, comprising a pump connected at the proximal end with a catheter and at the suction-side distal end with a canula having inlet openings remote from the pump, characterized in that a flexible projection is provided at the canula distal of all of the inlet openings, wherein said flexible projection forms a spacer for keeping said inlet openings spaced apart from adjacent heart walls.

2. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the projection is a non-sucking projection.

3. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1 wherein the projection is a hollow hose whose lumen is in communication with that of the canula.

4. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the flexible projection has a pigtail tip.

5. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the inlet openings are provided in an expansible suction basket including an inflow funnel.

6. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the projection has an outer diameter that is smaller than that of the canula.

7. (Previously Presented) The pumping device claim 1, the canula has a preformed bend.

8. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein a guide wire is provided that leads through the pump and is adapted to be advanced from the canula into the hollow projection.

9. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the projection has lateral auxiliary openings.